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MILITARY ACTIVITY
CAT BA ISLAND, NORTH VIETNAM
2044N 10703E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS A NEWLY-IDENTIFIED AREA OF MILITARY ACTIVITY AND A PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED COASTAL DEFENSE POSITION WHICH ARE LOCATED ON CAT BA ISLAND, NORTH VIETNAM.

2. REMARKS:

THE MILITARY ACTIVITY CONSISTS OF SEVEN SMALL MILITARY AREAS.

3. LOCATION:

THIS ACTIVITY IS SITUATED OFF THE COAST OF CENTRAL NORTH VIETNAM ON THE SOUTHERN TIP OF CAT BA ISLAND, 16 NM SOUTH OF HON GAI AND 22 NM SOUTHEAST OF HAIPHONG.

4. MISSION READOUTS:

REVEALS THE FOLLOWING:

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AREA A (20-43-30N 107-03-40E) CONTAINS AT LEAST EIGHT CAMOUFLAGED BUILDINGS/TENTS, THREE UNCAMOUFLAGED TENTS, UNIDENTIFIED CAMOUFLAGED EQUIPMENT, AT LEAST THREE SMALL CAMOUFLAGED LEAN-TOS, UNCOVERED BUILDING MATERIAL, AND SEVERAL DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

AREA B (SEE BELOW)

AREA C (20-43-48N 107-03-38E) CONTAINS FOUR CAMOUFLAGED TENTS AND TWO HUTS.

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AREA D (20-43-57N 107-03-22E) CONTAINS AT LEAST SIX
DISPERSED CAMOUFLAGED BUILDINGS/TENTS WITH A SMALL CULTIVATED
AREA AT THE CENTER.

AREA E (20-44-03N 107-03-00E) CONTAINS AT LEAST FOUR
CAMOUFLAGED TENTS AND NUMEROUS DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

AREA F (20-44-10N 107-02-45E) CONTAINS AT LEAST THREE
PARTIALLY CAMOUFLAGED VEHICLE REVEITEMENTS (TWO OF WHICH CONTAIN
PROBABLE GAZ-51 TRUCKS), ONE ZIL-150 TRUCK (PARKED IN THE OPEN),
AT LEAST FIVE PROBABLE BUILDINGS (TWO CAMOUFLAGED), TWO TRENCH
LINES WITH RECESSED PERSONNEL SHELTERS, AND NUMEROUS DEFENSIVE
POSITIONS.

AREA G (20-44-16N 107-02-22E) CONSISTS OF ONE HUT, ONE
TENT, AND ONE VEHICLE-TYPE REVETMENT. PILES OF GRADED ROCK
AND SAND, HAND-TYPE CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, AND A CAVE BEING
EXCAVATED ARE ALSO OBSERVED.

AREA H (20-44-20N 107-02-19E) CONTAINS EIGHT OCCUPIED AW
POSITIONS, TWO THATCH-ROOFED BUILDINGS (ONE CAMOUFLAGED), AND
EXTENSIVE TRENCHING.

BLUE SPRINGS [REDACTED], REVEALS CAT BA COASTAL
DEFENSE SITE (DESIGNATED AREA B ON THIS BRIEFING BOARD) LOCATED
JUST EAST OF CAT BA VILLAGE. THE SITE CONSISTS OF FOUR OCCUPIED GUN
POSITIONS. THIS SITE WAS FIRST OBSERVED ON PHOTOGRAPHY OF FEBRUARY
1962; SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE HAS REVEALED THIS SITE TO HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED
CONTINUOUSLY SINCE THAT TIME.

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